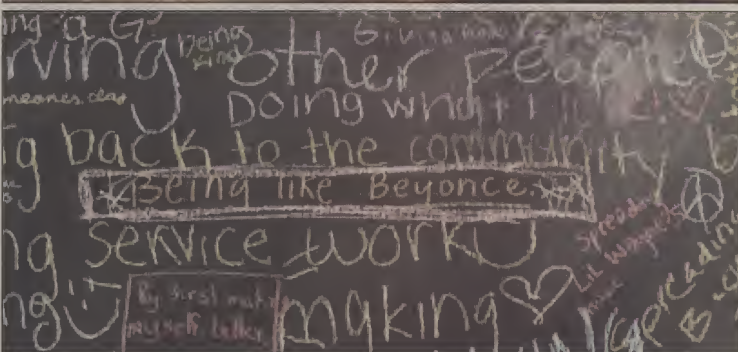


## Chalkboard project lets students define honor and service



The project was inspired by artist Candy Chang's famous "Before I Die" chalkboard project.

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Assistant News Editor

The University of Mary Washington's Center for Honor, Leadership and Service hosted the Chalkboard Project from March 10 to March 21. The project allowed students to answer short prompts pertaining to honor, leadership and service on several chalkboards that were placed on Campus Walk, between Lee and Trinkle Hall.

The center used this project as an interactive way to motivate students to voice their values through written word. The bare, eight-foot plywood chalkboards donned several incomplete prompts such as "I will make the world a better place by..." "Leadership means to me..." "Honor means to me..." and, lastly, "Before I graduate I will..." The chalkboards were almost completely filled with student reflection and comment by the end of the day.

Junior business major Jasmine Rice, answered the prompt with, "I will make the world a better place by..." with "reaching out and helping those who are less fortunate than me."

"I think the project was an excellent way for the UMW community to have an opinion

on honor, leadership and the world," said Rice. "It was another way to inspire and motivate the community to live up to not only what they wrote, but maybe even become the leaders and have the honor that others wrote about."

Students hope to see the project return in the following years.

"I think the project should definitely happen again. It was a way to socialize with others, and it brought positivity to the campus," said Rice.

Several other students wrote "Being a good leader" or "Serving other people." For the prompt "Honor means to me..." students wrote, "Loving yourself" and "Respecting others." "Before I graduate, I will..." was answered by one student with "Backpack through Europe on my own!"

One student wrote that they will make the world a better place by being like Beyonce.

UMW's Chalkboard Project was inspired by Taiwanese-American artist Candy Chang. After she lost a loved one, Chang created the project 'Before I Die,' a platform for people to publicly share their personal aspirations. The original project was started in New Orleans, Louisiana and gained

notable recognition. It has been recreated over 400 times in 60 countries and 25 languages.

Chang, a Columbia graduate recently published her book about the project through St. Martin's Press.

The project was spearheaded by UMW students Chelsea Kopf and Kimberly Slater. Kopf and Slater are student aids at the Center for Honor, Leadership and Service.

In addition to the chalkboard, the Center also displayed the "Leaf," a 100% electric car that was donated by Pohanka Nissan to the center.

"This shows community involvement, impact and sustainability," said Kopf.

The Center aims to prepare students to be "engaged global citizens, leading fulfilling lives grounded in the values of honor, leadership, and service," according to the Center's vision statement.

The center sponsors workshops and events to engage students and spread their message.

With this project, UMW is shedding light on the importance of the school's commitment to uphold values in order to inspire current students, incoming students and the community.

## UMW named a best value for small schools

CARAMARIE CHRISTY  
Staff Writer

What is the price of sitting by the fountain? Of eating Mama Jean's pasta? Is tuition worth seeing Dean Rucker, Associate VP and Dean of Student Life, in his Pooh Bear costume every Halloween?

According to Kiplinger, a Washington, D.C. based company who publishes material on finances and business, the cost of attending the University of Mary Washington is \$18,078 a year for instate students. Out-of-state students pay about \$30,948. UMW provides payment plans in order to stretch out this sum and also relieves stress for some students with various merit and creative scholarships.

Some UMW students believe

that the cost of college is excessive.

"I feel like people shouldn't have to pay for their education. In France people do not have to pay for their education, the government supports them. But I feel like the money I pay for this school is worth it, in comparison to other schools," said Ashley Rowles, a sophomore French major.

However, the testing required to get into a French school is intense. Students take a test in eighth grade, in which they decide whether to go to a trade based school or an academic school. Parents hope their children will graduate from the managerial schools around the country instead of university, because, though the schools are

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## Convergence Center to open on schedule

JULIA DAVIS  
Staff Writer

The University of Mary Washington Information and Technology Convergence Center, is taking its final form and is expected to be open for full use when students return for the 2014 fall semester.

According to the UMW office of the provost, the Convergence Center will function as an "academic commons building and a place where a variety of technology, information and teaching resources will come together in an environment that is modern, energetic and vibrant."

The four-story building will house multi-function classrooms, conference rooms, quiet study areas, media labs, a digital auditorium and a cafe.

After a groundbreaking ceremony in the fall of 2012, construction on the center continued approximately year round, closing down a section of Campus Walk in between the Simpson Library and Goolrick Gym. For members of the classes of 2016 and 2017, construction on the Convergence Center was present since they arrived on campus.

"I am looking forward to the opening of the Convergence Center," said Catie Morton, a freshman with an intended chemistry major. "I think it will be a great addition to campus, and the addition of more technology is always a bonus."

New technological advancements, including multimedia labs to create presentations,

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## Commencement speakers chosen



Graduation will be held April 9 and 10 on the UMW campus.

ALESJA JAMES  
Staff Writer

Two entrepreneurs, Kenneth Lopez and Rebecca Rubin will give the commencement addresses at the 2014 University of Mary Washington graduate and undergraduate graduation ceremonies.

Lopez will give the graduate address at 7:30 p.m. on May 9 at the Anderson Center. Lopez is the founder and CEO of A2L Consulting. The undergraduate address will take place on Saturday May 10 at 9 a.m. on Ball Circle and will be given by Rubin, the founder and CEO of Marstel-Day, LLC.

Lopez graduated from UMW in 1992 with a degree in economics and currently serves as a member of the UMW Board of Visitors. Lopez founded A2L in 1995, and his firm is now considered one of the nation's top litigation consulting companies. A2L deals specifically with courtroom technology and litigation graphics. His compa-

ny was recognized for being the Best Demonstrative Evidence Firm in Washington, D.C.

Lopez holds positions on UMW's advisory board for the College of Business and on the Dean's National Advisory Council at Widener University, where he received a law degree. He frequents UMW as a guest speaker for student organizations.

"Lopez would be a wonderful speaker because as a graduate of UMW he had a great foundation that eventually led to his successes, which makes his story relatable and attainable," said Julia Gattuso, a senior psychology major. "He also gives graduating students insight to the possibilities that may await them in future. Lopez is representative of where a UMW education can take you."

As a graduate of UMW, Lopez will be able to prepare graduating students for what is to come in the future.

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Was Obama's "Between Two Ferns" appearance un-presidential?

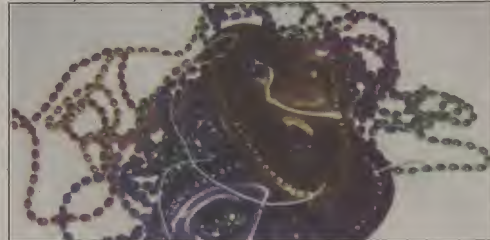
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Junior ring dance embraced masquerade theme

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Men's basketball beats school record

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Courtesy of University of Mary Washington Campus Recreation





## Police Beat

By COLLEEN HUBER  
News Editor

### Larceny

A petite larceny occurred on Jan. 15 when a sweater was stolen around 3 p.m. in Eagle Landing. The sweater was returned on Feb. 25 at 11:30 a.m. when a student was found wearing it.

Grand Larceny occurred at the Convergence Center construction site on Feb. 18 around 11 a.m. An impact drill was stolen from a construction worker's toolbox. The case is pending.

An iPhone was stolen from the George Washington Parking Lot two some time between Feb. 25 and Feb. 26. The grand larceny occurred between 9:30 p.m. and 10:30 a.m. The iPhone was found in the UMW Police Department lost and found on March 3.

### Personal Violation

A protective order was violated on Feb. 25 around 10 a.m. A staff member, who has a protective order against an individual, received a phone call from said individual. The call was received in George Washington Hall. The victim obtained a warrant and a UMW Police Department officer served it at the Rappahannock Regional Jail.

The information was compiled with assistance from UMW Police Manager James DeLoatch and Fredericksburg Police Department Public Information Officer Natalia Bledsoe.

The Bulletin will publish the names of students who are formally charged by the University of Mary Washington Campus Police or the Fredericksburg Police Department to have committed acts of extreme violence against members of the UMW community or pose a large threat to that community, when names are released to the public. The Bulletin will publish names and write articles about criminal acts on a case-by-case basis according to the aforementioned parameters.



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## More renovation may divert campus traffic

COLLEEN HUBER  
News Editor

University of Mary Washington students can expect more renovations in the near future.

The university general contractor, W.M. Jordan was set to begin preparations for the renovation of Woodard and Mercer Halls on Monday March, 17, according to an email for Marty Morrison, director of media and public relations.

Mercer Hall will undergo a complete renovation. Along

with the renovations, there will also be additions to the north and south ends of the building.

Woodard Hall will undergo renovation on the second floor, and the "Wash Room Area," located on the first floor will also be updated. There will also be an addition to Woodard, at the south end of the building.

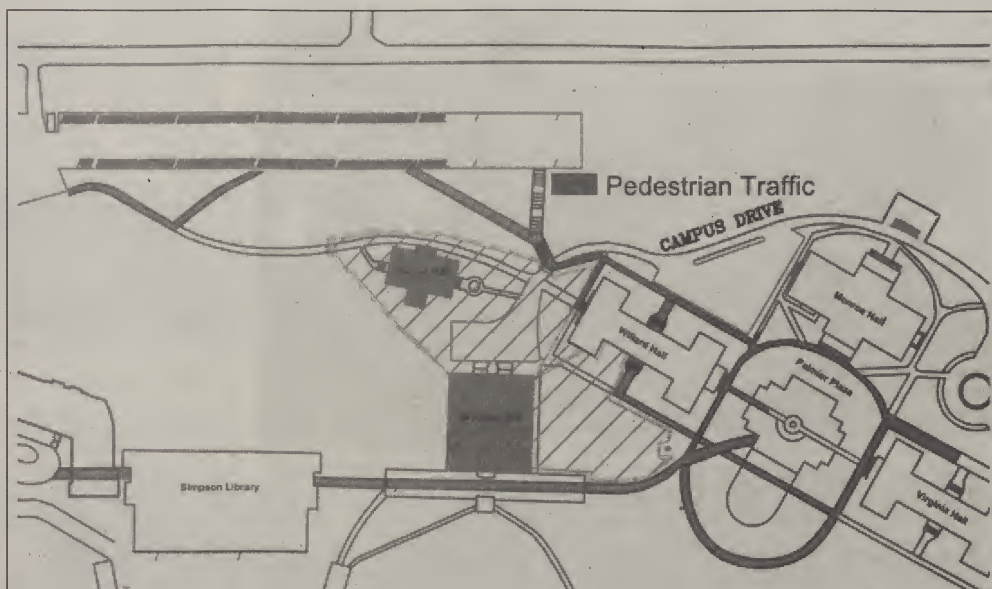
While these renovations occur, the Eagles Nest and the Post Office will remain open for student use, according to the email. The elevator in Woodard will

only be in use for deliveries.

The construction will impact everyday student life, affecting the foot traffic to and from Woodard, Mercer and Willard Halls. Access to and from the Sunken Road parking lot and parking deck will also be affected by the renovations. The steps from the Sunken Road parking lot to the north side of Mercer Hall will be closed but the steps from the Sunken road parking lot to Campus Drive will remain open for use during construction.

While the renovations are taking place, Campus Drive to Woodard and Mercer will only be accessible for delivery and construction vehicles. Students will only be able to enter Woodard Hall through the entrance from Campus Walk. The brick walkway from Mercer Hall and the Palmieri Plaza will also be closed to pedestrians during construction.

This will be the third ongoing construction project on campus.



Courtesy of University Relations

The construction will divert pedestrian traffic around Mercer and Woodard Halls. The above map shows intended construction.

## This Week's Campus Briefing:

A guide to the events at the University of Mary Washington and Fredericksburg Community.  
Compiled from information provided in the UMW newsletter EagleEye.



### Spring 2014 Career Day

Corporations, federal and state government offices and non-profit organizations looking to fill full-time and internship positions will be in the Anderson Center on Thursday, March 20 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Students should dress in business professional attire and bring copies of their resumes with them to the fair.

### Thursday Poem Series

There will be a free bilingual poetry reading by Ana Chichester, professor of modern foreign languages and Connie Smith, professor of English, linguistics and communication. They will do a reading of Argentine poet Olga Orozco in Combs Hall, Room 139 on Thursday, March 20 at 5 p.m.

### Purple Out Concert

Goody and Save the Arcadian will be performing as part of Relay Awareness Week from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 20 on Ball Circle. The concert is free.

### Mary Washicon

The Mary Washicon convention will be on Saturday, March 22 from 12 a.m. to 11 p.m. in Monroe Hall. Events include anime, cartoons, cosplay, video Games, comics and more. There will be panel lectures by students and professors, tournaments for NES Remix and Dance Dance Revolution, a cosplay contest, a Pokemon league competition, an artist's alley to view and buy artwork, a tabletop RPG room, anime and cartoon showings, a video game room and free food.

## Executives chosen to speak at commencements

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"Having Lopez speak would be great because it would allow for a more intimate and appropriate talk. He might also shed some light on what can be expected after graduation since life after college can seem to be quite scary," said Tonto Duncan, senior English and religion double major.

Rubin is the founder of Marstel-Day, a company devoted to environmental preservation and offers consulting to both the public and private sectors.

Marstel-Day deals with climate adaptation, energy planning and works closely with clients to develop strategies to conserve natural resources. Some of the company's clients include the Department of Defense, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency and the Environmental Protection Agency.

Marstel-Day was recently named a sustainability partner by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality. Rubin's company collaborated with other Fredericksburg area organi-

zations to establish a Climate Environment Action Readiness Plan.

Rubin received her bachelor's degree from Harvard University and earned a master's degree in international security from Columbia University. Rubin formerly served as the director of the U.S. Army's Environmental Policy Institute.

"I definitely think it is good to have Rubin speak at UMW because she is very successful. It's cool that she started her own company, and I am interested in

hearing her speak because she has such a diverse background. I hope she gives good advice," said Amanda Vercruyse, a senior historic preservation and American studies major.

Although entrepreneurs that have graduated from UMW tend to be less known than others, some students may appreciate their speeches more.

"Even though the speakers are not well known, they may in fact give better speeches and advice to students," said Gattuso.



# VIEWPOINTS

## Search for jobs and internships proves difficult pre and post grad

Currently, on Journalism-Jobs.com there are about 900 job openings for reporters and editors ranging everywhere from Fredericksburg, Va. to Sao Paulo, Brazil.

With graduation approaching for some of the editors at the Bullet, and senior year looming for many junior editors, the pressure to find a job and internships is building.

As with many other professions, we are all competing with each other for jobs and trying to do whatever we can to make our resumes stand out with experience.

Many of us at the Bullet have been fortunate enough to land internships that will benefit us in the future. More than one of us has interned for The Free Lance-Star, during both the summer and the school year.

Internships like those at The Free Lance-Star give us the opportunity to work as reporters alongside experienced writers and editors who help mentor us

to be better writers.

At The Free Lance-Star, we can also see our names on the front page of a real, successful newspaper, and for us, that is the best feeling in the world.

Other editors can boast ed-

that it is not an easy task.

Considering those aforementioned 900 jobs, the number may seem high, but the number of newspapers or magazines actually willing to hire recent graduates is slim, with many demanding at least a couple years of experience at another publication.

For us Bullet editors, and many other journalism savvy students, we have to find refuge in internships, which also pose issues.

With internships in cities like Washington, D.C. or Northern Virginia, the frustration of where to live is problematic, considering the cost of apartments easily range from \$1000-\$2500. For those of us graduating and looking to live on our own, figuring out living logistics is not easy.

Journalism is a rewarding field, but it is not an easy one to jump into without thorough preparation.

itorship at online publications such as "Literally Darling," an online magazine for women in their twenties, and one of us even interns at C-SPAN.

Did we mention that there is not even an established journalism program at UMW?

At UMW, those who choose to do so can create their own major for journalism and pick the classes they want to take with the help of an advisor. Anyone creating their own major knows



## Through the Pages

Compelling opinions from major publications this week.

“Of all the things that the NSA has done — the recording of calls, the ominous disclosures — I think nothing has cemented their image as a Deeply Sinister Organization quite as much as the fact that we get all of these revelations in the form of PowerPoint. This becomes clearer and clearer every time another document leaks.”

-Alexandra Petri, “Washington Post”

“Garcetti was so unconcerned that he went to Tom Bergin’s pub for St. Paddy’s Day and played bartender for two hours, even though Irish is the one ethnicity he’s not, and he ended up with a bit of a hangover. There was some grumbling that the mayor was too invisible Monday morning, that he should have used the shake to shake people out of the complacency that has set in since the \$42 billion, magnitude 6.7 quake in Northridge that left 57 dead in 1994.”

-Maureen Dowd, “New York Times”

“There are a lot of people who seem intent on restarting the Cold War — in both Moscow and Washington. I am not one of them. But if we’re going to have a new Cold War, then I have one condition: I want a new moonshot.”

-Thomas L. Friedman, “The New York Times”

“From the photographs we’ve seen of the Russian special operations, or Spetsnaz, troops that intervened in Crimea, several things are obvious: They are secretive, moving without insignia and often covering their faces; they’re disciplined and they’re decisive.”

-David Ignatius, “The Washington Post”

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## Online dating makes romance adaptable to the modern age

EMILY LITTLE  
Staff Writer

It may seem odd that social media dating outlets such as Tinder and match.com are the cultural descendants of an 18th century “matrimonial agency” that, according to Dr. H.G. Cocks in his book “Classified: The Secret History of the Personal Column,” “helped lonely bachelors search for wives through printed ads.”

However, humanity’s search for a soul-mate is one that dates back beyond even the first printed newspaper.

Throughout history, both men and women have resorted to methods other than real-life dating to find love and affection, and it is time for society to erode the stigma attached to such means.

Since the monthly pamphlet entitled Link, founded in 1915 by journalist Alfred Barrett reported Cocks in his book, people have been able to make money by helping others find dates. Everyone wants to find love.

It stands to reason that love, or at least a media-fed facsimile of love, should become a commodity.

Modern technology, however, took the search for love to a whole new level. Dating sites such as eHarmony, okcupid, or match.com give users the opportunity to build a profile and connect with other users.

Most recently, the Tinder app places its users one swipe away from a text conversation with a “love” match. But can a 200-character “intro-

duction” or a profile picture really lead to the same level of connection as a traditional dinner-and-a-movie date?

The vast amount of online dating resources led to a phenomenon of “dating hyperspace” that is not scrutinized.

Rebecca Holman, reporter for the U.K.’s “The Telegraph,” published an article in August 2013, which analyzed her experience with Tinder.

She admitted the app’s potential for becoming a “slightly more sophisticated booty call,”

but also pointed out that “we spend all our time running from A to B, telling everyone how busy we are, how swamped we are at work, how little time we have.”

So maybe Tinder is just the solution to this very modern dilemma. Or maybe in a world where most of our interaction with other human beings is done through a mobile phone or computer, we’ve just found a new way to connect with each other.”

So why is internet dating still considered pathetic or desperate? It earned its reputation as bogus from its instantaneous and artificial nature, not to mention from the number of opportunities for scamming, lies and insincerity it provides.

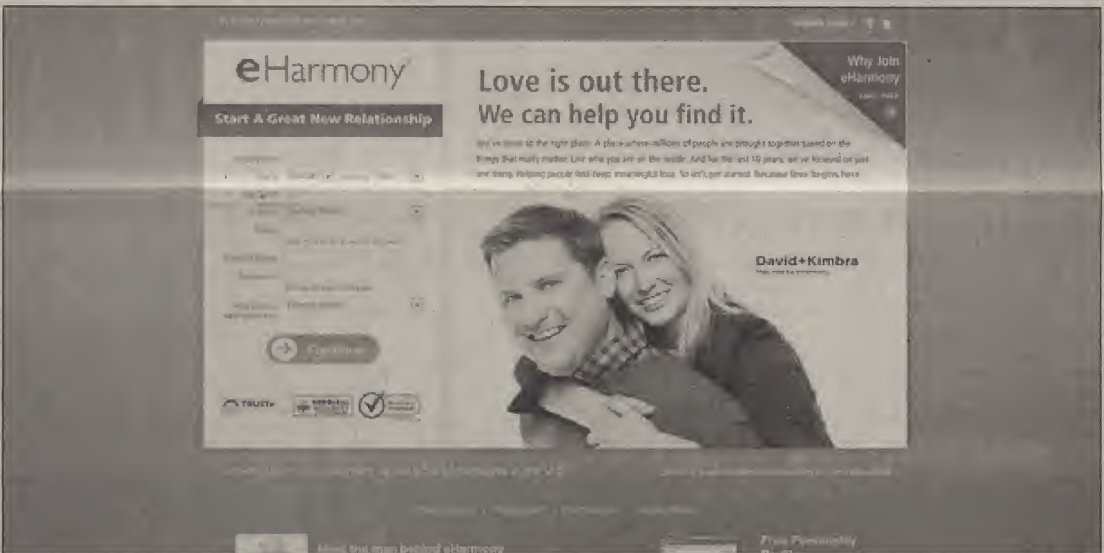
Unfortunately, the high number of date rapes and abductions resulting from internet-arranged dates is a major deterrent for many singles. But the number of online dating success stories is growing daily.

According to Holman, Tinder claims 75 million matches, 50 million of which resulted in engagements.

While online dating websites and apps should be used with discretion (we all know the drill: don’t give your name, address, phone number, etc.), they should not be condemned as inadequate or desperate.

The media has the power to manipulate methods of human interaction; it had this power for hundreds of years, even before the first official “matrimonial agency,” before Facebook and before Tinder.

Online dating sites are not just for creepers, they are legitimate and potentially rewarding opportunities for a romantic connection.



Courtesy of Flickr

Millions are married as a result of meeting through the internet. Sites such as eharmony, okcupid and match.com are among the most popular.



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Originally, there was much stigma attached to meeting your potential romantic partner online, but as time progressed, it is becoming less the case.

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# VIEWPOINTS

## 'Between Two Ferns' meets goal, but at a price

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This past week, President Barack Obama took to the satirical internet talk show, "Between Two Ferns," a series sponsored by renowned internet comedy platform FunnyOrDie.com.

Obama's reasoning for appearing on the show was to promote his signature health-care law to the demographic he is struggling with most: young people.

The occasionally raunchy, often awkward show made a name for itself by doing faux interviews with the likes of Sean Penn and Natalie Portman, with a common combative theme oftentimes aimed at the interviewer, Zach Galifianakis. Galifianakis, a staunch liberal and zany funny-man, provides a near perfect foil to the stoic and austere Obama, making for some funny quips and a few uncomfortable jokes.

However, the overall mes-

of offensive one-liners and cringe-inducing jabs between the president and the interviewer.

"Between Two Ferns" is known to push the envelope on comedy and the buttons of its guests. Yet, the scripted nature of the Obama interview seemed to move away from the openness of interviews past, and I understand that considering the show's format.

The real problem with interviewing an official, let alone a president, is that there is a serious limit on what one can say to them and what they can retort with; there is an unspoken barrier of respect for that official that is not to be passed by citizens.

The prestige that comes with the office, the sense of dignity and authority, would make it impossible for the president to shoot back with some sort of barb about Galifianakis' weight (as almost every guest does). Moreover, while the intent may be to simply bring attention to the ACA, a series of petty in-

Historically, presidents do not fare too well when venturing into the world of comedy, with the lone exception of Bill Clinton in his work with Saturday Night Live's Darrell Hammond. Ronald Reagan did skits with Bob Hope, Nixon had it 'socked to him' on "Laugh-In" and George W. Bush appeared on "Deal or No Deal."

By and large, those comedy excursions were not that great, and, like the "Between Two Ferns" segment, were more awkward than anything else.

Obama received some harsh criticisms from the conservative media, such as Bill O'Reilly, as well as moderate voices, such as CNN and ABC analysts and pundits. Various talking heads criticized the fact that the interview came off as odd, which is not to say that it did not have its moments—such as when Obama



President Obama tried to reach out to the younger demographic to register for healthcare via the new site.

Courtesy of Flickr

asked Galifianakis how it felt to know he would never meet with another president again.

Many figureheads in the media seemed to think that both the choice of the show to appear on, as well as the execution of the interview left much to be desired.

For example, sitting down with the man famous for playing a child-like character to talk about a serious and divisive political issue and to sell it to a demographic that is not particularly keen on being sold healthcare was not such a great idea in hindsight.

The interview is mostly flawed because it just became too awkward when the inter-

view shifted to a promotion for the ACA.

The huge shift from a comical interview to a selling point was a little bit strange. The unrestrained and open flow of the show was lost in an instant, making the end of the "interview," the last two minutes, nearly unwatchable.

Perhaps I am too curmudgeonly or unresponsive to that awkward brand of comedy, but I still do not get it, and, having watched it almost ten times, feel like I will never understand it.

While politics and politicians can be funny, whether intentionally (Bob Dole) or unintentionally (Joe Biden), and comedians can be political, they

mix as well as peanut butter and hummus.

Some may say that this is away for a president to go out and show character or personality, to which I say that there are plenty of other ways to go out and show what kind of person you are. Bill Clinton used to run and play saxophone and George W. Bush used to toss out little jokes throughout interviews. Looking back, President Obama has continually shown a good sense of humor.

Yet, for an issue as serious as healthcare, he certainly could have taken a better, more direct road, despite its apparent success in numbers.

## HealthCare.gov

Take health care into your own hands

Courtesy of Flickr

President Obama is urging young people to sign up for healthcare.

sage that young people need to start getting involved with the Affordable Care Act (ACA) by signing up seems lost in a wash

sults between the president and Galifianakis is not going to accomplish that task at least not well or smoothly.

cized the fact that the interview came off as odd, which is not to say that it did not have its moments—such as when Obama

## Beak Week catastrophe shakes up students and alumnus alike

MAX REINHARDT  
Staff Writer

Mary Washington students, brothers and sisters, my fellow Eagles: only the most serious of issues is at hand today. This semester demanded more of me than articles in terms of my duties as a student, a Resident Assistant, chairman of the College Republicans, and a member of the Judicial Review Board, but I feel compelled to address a grievous issue: the cancellation of Beak Week.

In the past this treasured Mary Washington tradition has been marked by a week of school spirit activities ranging from silent raves in the Underground to concerts, to bonfires on Jefferson Square.

However, this year, no events took place, and my fellow students were deprived of an opportunity to publicly spread their wings, perform the Eagle Swoop, and show their spirit as students of this esteemed public liberal arts institution.

This injustice not only denied seniors their last Beak Week, and freshman of their first, it left our esteemed alumni heartbroken. On Facebook, graduate Andrew Hogan, 2012's Mr. UMW and a champion of LipSync expressed his bereavement.

"I am confused and

hurt, lost and heartbroken, absolutely inconsolable. BEAK WEEK was the ONE week of the year that meant something to every single student at UMW, the one week it was okay to fly with everything hanging out, letting the wind stroke your spirit as it paralyzed passers-by. I feel like I've lost a best friend, but I also know that NO ONE can take BEAK WEEK away from me."

Indeed, no one can stop the Spirit; it never ends. Hogan's status gained 55 likes in less than 12 hours, including former Judicial Review Board president Elizabeth Brennan.

By failing to plan any events, the Student Government Association departed from the 2013-14 Student Handbook, which states on page six that Beak Week will be held the week after Spring Break. This cancellation was made without the consent of the student body.

I believe I interpret the will

of the student body and of our alumni when I assert that something needs to be done to repair the bond between the SGA, its constituents and our dear alumni. I call upon the Executive Cabinet to reinstate Beak Week and put it on as soon as possible. Furthermore, the Student Senate should pass a declaration that Beak Week will never be cancelled again and that it should be enshrined into the student calendar from now until the end of time.

It is my expressed hope that 2014 will mark the year of total spiritual mobilization, where all Eagles came together to save Beak Week and to indefatigably fight for its preservation.

Max Reinhardt is  
Founder and President  
of the Emergency Committee  
for the Salvation of Beak Week



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Beak Week was a tradition of fun activities and school spirit.



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# STYLE

## Junior Ring Week culminates in a night of dancing

VICTORIA KEARNEY  
Staff Writer

The University of Mary Washington ring dance is a tradition that not only dates back more than 50 years, but brings the junior class together for a celebratory reminder that graduation is just around the corner.

UMW Class Council hosted the dance, which was held in the Jepson Alumni Center's ballroom. More than 230 students attended the event, filling the Jepson Alumni Center with Mardi Gras themed decorations.

Guests had the option of getting pictures taken in the lobby and received Class of 2015 glassware. Multicolored Mardi Gras beads and masks were also given out to make the event more festive.

Many juniors arrived with dates and friends, but there was still interaction between the individual groups. Most people gathered on the dance floor or stood in small groups to chat.

"I met a lot of cool people, and dancing with everyone there was a lot of fun," said Erica Krieder, a junior English and education double major.

The event also hosted a small table of different desserts and drinks for students to snack on while they enjoyed the dance. DJ Brett Wynn provided music for the event, and while it was nice to have a live musician, the pop music provided for dancing

left many students disappointed.

"It wasn't really anything you could dance to," said Krieder. "It was a fun night, but more because it was a chance to be with friends than anything else."

Even so, the UMW Class Council considered the dance a successful event.

"This was a great turnout for a traditional event that was brought back after a few years," said Whitney Kiper, a UMW Class Council representative.

The Junior Ring dance dates back to 1963, when Mary Washington girls received rings in recognition of approaching the completion of their degree.

Preceding the ring dance, juniors received their purchased class rings in a formal ceremony.

Traditionally, young women received their rings from their escorts under a large ring figure in the Lee Hall Ballroom, which gave the tradition romantic symbolism. However, this symbolism is toned down for the present day ceremony, as the rings were received in Lee Hall with Professor Gary Richards as the keynote speaker.

Professor Cedric Rucker also commented during the ceremony, stating the importance of the ring ceremony at UMW.

"I remember getting my ring; I wore it facing in until graduation and then had my mom flip the ring around, as tradition," said Rucker.



Courtesy of UMW Class Council

Peyton Kremer attended the Mardi Gras themed Junior Ring Dance on March 13, 2013.

The junior class members who received their rings opened their boxes, put their rings on facing inwards and closed their boxes in unison. This was also a traditional act of the ceremony.

The Junior Ring dance and ceremony were only two of the many events held for this year's Junior Ring week.

### Old school dance moves still in style: The Victorian Ball

KELSEY WHEATON  
Staff Writer

The Historic Preservation Club did not let a change of venue stop them from holding the 15th annual Victorian Ball.

The event, typically held in the Great Hall, moved from the Jepson Alumni Center to the faculty dining room in Seacobeck Hall due to inclement weather. Nonetheless, the dancing still proved to make this a lively event.

This year's theme was "A Walk in the Victorian Garden," with music provided by Gilmore's Light Ensemble, a three-piece band from Gettysburg, Pa. who, in the spirit of the dance, all dressed in period attire and played period-accurate songs.

Dances were called by Briant and Karin Bohleke, a pair of dance callers and teachers. The dances performed were all authentic of the Victorian era, including waltzes such as the Spanish Waltz and the Oslo Waltz, as well as the Virginia Reel, the Soldier's Joy, the Gothic Reel, the Flower Girl, the Coquette Reel, the Quadrille and the Cheat.

These dances were more than just dances, however. The

waltzes and the Gothic Reel were prime opportunities, in both the Victorian and modern era, for the ladies to show off their finery and the men to show off their ladies to the other dancers.

Many other dances, such as the Virginia Reel, the Quadrille, the Coquette Reel and the Cheat, are simultaneously dances and games. In the Quadrille, two couples race down an aisle created by the other couples, each trying to be the first couple down the aisle while also

the dancers at the Victorian Ball breathless and grinning.

Though the attending population was smaller than previous years due to the event's rescheduling, those that went were nothing if not enthusiastic.

"I would say I go to Vic Ball every year because I love learning about the different Victorian dances," said Tionge Johnson, a junior English and theatre double major. "I'm glad they keep the Virginia Reel every year; that's my favorite. I always come back every year because I like learning about the dances."

The event is open to the UMW community and the general public. Often, alumni who attended the dance during their time at the university continue to return following their graduation.

"I have yet to find anything quite like it outside of the school," said Morgan Riley, an alumna. "I keep coming back because it's a magical evening for which I have so many fond memories."

While it only comes around once a year, the Victorian Ball is a classic event that offers a step back in time for anyone who wants the splendor of Victorian formal wear and the opportunity to dance the night away.

*"I would say I go to Vic Ball every year because I love learning about the different Victorian Dances."*  
- Tionge Johnson

attempting to not fall down.

The Cheat is a fast-paced, lively dance involving couples randomly grabbing partners for a quick dance before the next step. Many of these dances left

## Chart topping band comes to Underground



Abby Mulugeta/Bullet

From left to right: Jamar Harding, Barry 'Bar-Man' Hill, Amanda Reifer and T-Ray Armstrong are the members of the band Cover Drive.

CARLEY DAVIS  
Staff Writer

Cover Drive, a pop band from Barbados, stopped by the Underground at Wednesday's acoustic night last week during their first United States college tour.

The group of four long-time friends, Amanda Reifer, Barry 'Bar-Man' Hill, Jamar Harding and T-Ray Armstrong, opened the show with some sunshine and their twist on Maroon 5's "One More Night."

Throughout the performance, a lively audience greeted Cover Drive's catchy tunes by clapping to the beat and dancing in their seats.

Hints of the group's Caribbean roots were present with each unique flare they provided to both their covers and original songs. Cover Drive's easy and tropical songs delivered a perfect transition for students returning to their hectic schedules after a relaxing spring break.

Wednesday night's performance included renditions of Ke\$ha's "Crazy Kids," Pharrell's "Happy," Miley Cyrus' "We Can't Stop" and other

popular tunes by the likes of Bob Marley and Bruno Mars. In addition, Cover Drive sang a few of their original songs such as "Hurricane," "Explode," and "Headphones" that were equally, if not more, entertaining.

Lead singer Amanda Reifer continuously walked through the audience to get to know the crowd. She encouraged students by bringing a select few on stage to teach them how to dance. Reifer created an uplifting energy that the audience seemed to enjoy.

"So we're officially not strangers anymore right?" Reifer asked, "We're friends now!"

Freshman music major Austin O'Rourke and sophomore environmental science major Cole Masaitis agreed that the performance was "awesome."

When the group preformed a mix of One Republic's "Counting Stars" and Imagine Dragons' "Radioactive," the crowd reacted with roaring applause and mid-song exclamations. During their cover of Bob Marley's "Don't Worry, Be Happy," students linked arms and began swaying to the music.

For some attendees, Cover

Drive's show was their first acoustic night experience at the Underground and most certainly not their last.

"They're really good, I liked how they really interacted with the audience," said Victoria Lee, a freshman business major.

Lee added that she would return again for another acoustic night.

The liveliness of Cover Drive was contagious for Wednesday's audience. When the show ended, an excited crowd earned an encore of Bob Marley's "Looking in Your Big Brown Eyes."

While Cover Drive performed the final song, the entire audience gathered near the stage and freely danced together.

Even though the show came to end, Reifer assured the crowd they were not going anywhere.

"Who's gonna show us a good college time after this?" She asked.

Cover Drive's energy was the perfect remedy for a stormy day, and the turnout was well deserved for such a magnetic performance.



Kelsey Wheaton/Bullet

Students from the Historic Preservation Club pose in clothing from the Victorian Era.

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# STYLE

## Save The Arcadian takes downtown



Courtesy of Save the Arcadian

Save the Arcadian performed a show to celebrate the release of their EP *That Bright Tide*.

AERIEL MERILLAT  
Assistant Style Editor

The night was warm and the room crowded as the audience eagerly awaited the main act of the night: Fredericksburg's own Save the Arcadian.

The local band held their EP release show Friday night at Horseshoes & Hand Grenades in downtown Fredericksburg. The show was free and welcome to all. Normally a vintage boutique, Horseshoes & Hand

Grenades transformed into an inspirational venue for the band that provided them with a spot-on indie backdrop for the night.

The set list included fan favorites such as "Liar!" and "Dance Floor," as well as several new songs. The band released their EP, titled "That Bright Tide," earlier last week.

This is the band's second album, after the release of their debut, "How'd They Get Up There?" last April. The EP consists of five new songs by the

band that keeps in trend with their folk-pop style.

The five songs, including the single "Bayside," stay true to the band's indie folk roots while proving to be more refined and sophisticated than their earlier music.

The two part song "At the End Part 1" and "At the End Part 2" are slower and more serious than the group's tunes. Nonetheless, the audience responded enthusiastically and, if not for a potential fire hazard, would

likely have started to wave their lighters to the music.

"Save the Arcadian was a great way to end my busy week and start my Friday night. I had no idea Horseshoes & Hand Grenades could hold so many people," said senior education and environmental science double major Katy Chase.

As usual, the band members brought charm and charisma to the show, wooing the audience with their sweet vocals and playful sounds. Many audience members even felt inspired, and began dancing to the pleasing songs.

"I enjoyed their new songs and, from the energy in the room, could tell everyone else did too," said Emily Hanson, a sophomore political science major.

The crowd consisted of a variety of people, which included many students from the University of Mary Washington. Save the Arcadian is no stranger to the UMW audience, as the band developed a loyal fan base from previous shows on campus.

The band members, consisting of Will McCarry, Sam Rodgers, Russell Michelson, Lavar Edmonds, Bryan Chase and Lonnie Southall, are all current students or recent graduates at UMW.

Save the Arcadian was a big hit with the audience on Friday night, and the band continued with an unplanned encore at the end of the show that proved their EP release show to be a success.

The band is performing again alongside Liz and the Lost Boys and My Son Bison on Friday, March 21 at 8 p.m. in the Underground.

## Staff Picks: Favorite Spring Activities

Take a Hike

Vineyards

Reading outside

The Cherry Blossom Festival

Fly a Kite

Blow Bubbles

Plant flowers

Swimming

Jogging

## D.I.Y Corner: Coachella-inspired hair crown and belt

DELLA HETHCOX  
Staff Writer

Coachella attendees inspired this week's D.I.Y craft and Dolce and Gabbana's 2014 runway show where the models donned crowns made of flowers, jewels and medallions.

Crowns do not belong only on the heads of music festival revelers and model, nor are they simply a fad from 2013. Notice Magazine is predicting more crowns in the fashion world's

future after recent crown appearances.

Celebrities such as Selena Gomez, Katy Perry and Ariana Grande were recently spotted sporting eye-catching crowns and headbands.

This craft takes crowns to the next level-it takes only 30 minutes and can also be used as a belt!

The project costs around \$10, depending on what supplies you have on hand.

You will need: one glitter foam

sheet (\$1-2 at a craft store), a hot glue gun (if you do not have one, the Dollar Tree sells them) and a spool of ribbon (anywhere from \$1-5 at a craft store or dollar store).

First, cut out different sized stars from your glitter foam sheet. I cut out five stars in three different sizes to achieve a cascading effect on my crown. It really comes down to personal preference; if you believe that more is better, cut out a galaxy of stars. If you want a simple statement piece, cut only a few!

Heat up your glue gun while you cut out the stars. Remember to use the glue gun somewhere safe, as it is hot and messy.

Next, pick out your ribbon. I used a 30-inch piece of ribbon because I wanted it to double as a belt, but if you just want a crown, measure your head and leave enough extra ribbon to tie it on. Arrange your stars on your ribbon before gluing; I always start with the biggest shapes on the lowest layer. Once you decide on a pattern, and your glue



Della Hethcox/Bulet

gun is nice and hot, it is time to glue.

When you are glue your stars to the ribbon, do not over glue-it can quickly get messy really fast. Put a small dot right on the middle of the back of your star

and press firmly onto the ribbon. Once you apply glue to all your stars, you get to the hard part: letting it dry. Give it three to four hours before donning your new crown.

Lastly, crowns are not just for

special occasions. If you need a pick me up during a hard week, slip it on. You will instantly feel more powerful and ready to conquer the campus.



Della Hethcox/Bulet

### Aries (3/21-4/19)

Your will is strong, though this does not mean that if you wear flip flops in the cold next week that spring will come any sooner.

### Taurus (4/20-5/20)

Eventually someone is going to notice that you have been using what is left of your dish soap to wash your hair. There is nothing wrong with smelling like a kitchen sink, but it may be time to give in and buy some shampoo.

### Gemini (5/21-6/21)

Do not listen to those voices inside your head, now is not the time to go skinny dipping in the fountain.

### Cancer (6/22-7/22)

There is more than one way to skin a cat. Just do not let it be your roommate's, they will more than likely report you to PETA.

### Leo (7/23-8/22)

March is mindless month, meaning you should probably take a minute to rethink some of the decisions you made this weekend.

### Virgo (8/23-9/23)

Scientists proved that a human being cannot survive for up to half a semester on Ramen noodles alone. Prove them wrong.

### Libra (9/24-10/21)

The stars gave up on you this week. If you are desperate, try getting advice from the fortune cookies at Seaco.

### Scorpio (10/24-11/21)

The moon is over the equator, which means you will mysteriously discover an entire box of double stuffed Oreos that you forgot about. Do not eat them all at once.

### Sagittarius (11/2-12/21)

That box of tissues you stole from your roommate will only go so far.

### Capricorn (12/22-1/19)

Chance has spoken and unfortunately you will not pass go and collect 200 dollars or an A on that paper you wrote last night.

### Aquarius (1/20-2/18)

Just when you thought things could not get any worse, the stars have spoken, and you are right, things are pretty much as bad as possible.

### Pisces (2/19-3/20)

I know she sent you away to eat Easy Mac and pull all nighters for four years, but seriously, call your mother.

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## Kappa Sigma remembers Boston Bombing victims



Courtesy of Kappa Sigma

The banner will be displayed in the Red Sox stadium during the upcoming season.

COLLEEN HUBER  
News Editor

The Kappa Sigma Fraternity hosted an event in remembrance of the Boston Bombing that occurred April 15, 2013 at the Boston Marathon.

The event, held on Wednesday, Feb. 26 and Thursday, Feb. 27, took place on Ball Circle. A canvas, which was given by the organization "America 4 Boston," and was presented by the fraternity for students to sign

their names and write messages for the victims of the bombing.

"America 4 Boston" is a grassroots project designed to honor the Boston Marathon bombing victims and the city of Boston, according to their website. The organization was created with the intention of showing "America's unity and humanity."

The canvas will be presented at the Boston Red Sox stadium in the upcoming season, along

with the canvases from the other 50 participating Kappa Sigma chapters. The canvases will honor the three people who lost their lives to the bombing and the 264 injured.

Following the signing, a brothers-only picture was taken, where members of the fraternity took a picture with the canvas. A picture was also taken of any UMW student who participated in the event and wanted to be pictured with the canvas.

## Honorable Mentions: The Success of the UMW Professional Community

*The professional endeavors of the professors, administrators and faculty of the University of Mary Washington. Compiled from information provided in the UMW Newsletter, EagleEye.*

**Janusz Konieczny,**

professor of mathematics, published a research article, "Automorphism groups of endomorphism monoids of free  $G$ -sets," in the Asian-European Journal of Mathematics.

**Yuan-Jen Chiang,**

professor of mathematics, published a joint research article, "Transversal Wave Maps and Transversal Exponential Wave Maps," in the Journal of Geometry. In his article, Chiang investigated the properties and relationship of transversal wave maps and transversal exponential wave maps.

**Patricia Reynolds,**

professor in the College of Education, was named to the International Advisory Board for EDULEARN 14. This board consists of selected professors and researchers from all continents. It was created with the goal of getting new ideas and proposals into international education. The board discusses the latest developments in the field of teaching and learning methodologies, educational projects and innovations and new technologies applied to education and research.

**Mehdi Aminrazavi,**

professor of philosophy and religion, presented a paper entitled "Mysticism in Islamic Philosophical Tradition: Hindrance to Rationalism or Perfection of Reason" at the Symposium on the Middle Ages at Leibniz University in Hannover, Germany on Feb. 26.

## University named one of most affordable small schools

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free, if a student fails their exams they are no longer allowed to attend. Few students make it past the second year of university in this manner.

"I think Mary Washington is one of the best educations for the price range. However, I was lucky enough to get a scholarship, and I'm lucky to have what I have. There are opportunities to get scholarships out there and it feels like a miracle, but I'd definitely say it's possible," said sophomore Claire Merenda, who received the Mary Jane

Aher '46 scholarship, which covers all of Merenda's tuition and was one of the two full rides of its kind awarded for her year.

Many students said that their decision to come to UMW is due to its value being better than other schools.

The Kiplinger website agrees with this, rating the price of going to UMW as the sixth best value in a public small college in the United States. With other schools on the list having high scores and good reputations, the competition for this is understandably a tough one.

UMW also has high SAT

scores, with over 60 percent of students scoring above 600 on the math portion of the SATs. Kiplinger also listed the 14 students per faculty ratio, which attributes to availability of professor assistance and office hours.

"Would I like to spend less money? Yes, of course. But I've committed to be here," said French major Kate Honeycutt. "I feel like the relationships I have with my professors and a classmate is worth any effort that it would take to get here. This is a reputable liberal arts institution. I wouldn't be here if I couldn't afford it."



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## New Convergence Center will house Speaking and Writing Centers



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The Convergence Center has been undergoing construction since the 2012-2013 academic school year.

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Mac and PC work stations and a recording studio, aim to set the facility apart from other buildings on campus.

Along with new classrooms and features, the office of the provost reports that many campus offices will be relocated to the Convergence Center, including a new Digital Knowledge Center, the computer HelpDesk and the Speaking and Writing Centers.

The new facility for the Speaking Center will also include rehearsal rooms specifically for Speaker Center use.

I'm excited [for the Conver-

gence Center] because we'll be working more closely with the Writing Center to provide students with better writing and communication skills," said Michael Friedmann, a junior history major and Speaking Center consultant.

According to the "Overview of the Convergence Center" published by the office of the provost in October 2013, the four-story, 76,716 square foot structure had a budget of \$39,375,498. June 2014 is listed as a tentative "substantial completion date" with the building in operation by August 2014.

The latest construction development published from the

provost in November was the completion of the windows to seal off the building, allowing work to continue inside the building during colder months.

While the progress on the exterior of the building can be seen, many students expressed that they feel left out on plans for the inside of the building.

"We know how Convergence Center construction will affect us on our way to class," said Carly Tame, a junior classics major, citing the e-mail updates sent to UMW students. "But we don't necessarily know what it's for. We can see the outside, but we don't know what the finished product will be."

## Great Lives Schedule

Thursday, March 27

Tuesday, April 1  
Tuesday, April 8

Titans of the Gilded Age: Rockefeller, Carnegie, and Morgan  
Henry VIII  
Shakespeare

Thursday, April 10  
Tuesday, April 15  
Thursday, April 17  
Tuesday, April 22

Spartacus  
Machiavelli  
Simon Bolivar  
Charles and Anne Morrow Lindbergh

*All lectures begin at 7:30 p.m. in Dodd Auditorium and are free to the public.*



# SPORTS

## Softball strikes win against Lynchburg in Saturday's sun

TRAVIS QUATTLEBAUM  
Sports Writer

The University of Mary Washington's softball team is off to a great start this season, emerging from this past weekend with a 5-4 record.

Led by the junior duo of No. 9 pitcher Hanna Otterman and No. 13 third baseman Brittany Scites, the Eagles were able to make a strong push at the beginning of the season.

An impressive showing by all UMW Eagles on their designated Fan Appreciation Day left no spectator in their seat for too long. Personalized posters made by the players made sure that all fans knew the Eagles were ready to play.

Otterman led the team in the journey to all five of their wins, none of which were as exciting as Saturday's first game. The Eagles won the first home double header game against the Lynchburg College Hornets in a crazy last play walkoff.

With a slow start, the Eagles watched as the Hornet's lead-off hitter opened with a triple. After an error, she was able to head home and gave Lynchburg an early 1-0 lead. The Eagles quickly responded in the bottom of the second with a Scites leadoff single. She moved into scoring position with a sac bunt by No. 21 Brittnee Haynes and then was brought home with a RBI double from No. 3 Hannah Williams. Scites' run brought the score even at 1-1.

The bottom of the fourth saw a similar situation to the bottom of the second. Another single by Brittany Scites gave the Eagles a runner on base. A quick reac-



Courtesy of UMW Athletics

The UMW softball team is 5-4 in their season after picking up both a win and a loss at Saturday's doubleheader against Lynchburg and easily made it home, the Eagles winning 5-4.

tion to a pitch in the dirt allowed Scites to steal second and move into scoring position. A second clutch hit by Hannah Williams saw Scites cross the plate again, allowing UMW to take the lead.

UMW expanded on their lead in the sixth, with a third run by Scites. This time she had help from the pitcher Otterman who had a RBI single. This gave the Eagles a 3-1 lead heading into the seventh.

The fun really started in the seventh when Lynchburg College's Jessi Hall led with a stand up triple.

The next batter joined Hall on base when she was hit by a

pitch. Then, Danielle Powell stepped to the plate.

Powell belted an Otterman pitch into deep left center field for the only homerun of the day. A couple of great defensive plays by shortstop No. 2 Bireet Chitty and a strike out by Otterman allowed the Eagles to escape down only 3-4.

As the bottom of the seventh started, the UMW ladies did not waiver. No. 18 Kate Chisholm "took one for the team," allowing her to get on base quickly. Bireet Chitty followed up with an exciting play at first. On a high throw, the Lynchburg first baseman was brought into the

running path and was met by the unstoppable force of the UMW short stop.

After a quick talk between the umpires, Chitty was confirmed safe. This gave the Eagles the go-ahead run on base.

In dramatic fashion, the No. 11 Erica Falvey stepped to the plate and hit what should have been a routine fly ball into shallow right field. Luckily for the Eagles the ball hit the ground which allowed for Chisholm to score easily from third. The pitcher then overthrew second in an attempt to get the force out on Chitty. With the ball rolling into center field, Chitty rounded

the score to 10-2, but UMW lessened the deficit with another run in the bottom of the sixth. The game finished with a final of 10-3, where Sisk finished with the loss after allowing four runs in two innings and two-thirds.

Offense was led by Gilbert as he had an RBI-single and two stolen bases. Junior Seth Taylor was on the hill for the Eagles in the night portion of the double header.

St. John Fisher opened up the scoring gates first again as they put up their first score in the top of the second. UMW retaliated as they put up two of their own in the bottom half of that inning

the game ended shortly after with one last tally mark by the Hornets in the top of the seventh. This brought the score to an even 4-2.

The lady Eagles spread the wealth on offense with nine different players contributing hits, five of which knocked in at least one run. Notable offensive performances by Brittany Scites, Williams and Chitty helped lead the team. Scites went 4-7 on the day with a stolen base and four runs.

Williams added two to her RBI total bringing her to a team-leading five. And Chitty knocked in a run as well as scoring one of her own.

Great defensive plays by all positions helped quell the Hornets' high powered offense. A fantastic trio of pitchers: No. 22 Erin Stinson, No. 25 Ashton Ferneyhough and No. 9 Otterman were pivotal to the cause.

Stinson struck out five and allowed no runs in four and a third innings. Ferneyhough also added a strike out to her season total and contributed two and two-thirds innings. Otterman stood out pitching a complete game, allowing just three earned runs in seven innings while adding two strikeouts to her team high 26.

UMW takes to the diamond twice this week, first on Wednesday, March 19, when the ladies will travel north to Catholic University for a double header at 3 and 5 p.m. Then on Saturday, March 22 they hop on the bus to travel to Delaware and kick off their Capital Athletic Conference season against the Wesley Wolverines.

## Softball and Baseball Home Schedule

### Baseball

Tuesday, March 25 vs. East. Mennonite at 3 p.m.

### Softball

Tuesday, March 25 vs. Shenandoah at 3 and 5 p.m.

Thursday, March 27 vs. Virginia Wesleyan at 3 and 4:30 p.m.

## Baseball suffers in double header losses, now 11-7 in season

MIKEY BARNES  
Sports Writer

The University of Mary Washington Eagle's baseball team lost a pair of double headers this weekend, extending their losing streak to five games. Going into Saturday, March 15, the Eagles held a record of 11-3, recently dropping their game just four days prior.

Before the losing streak, the Eagles won five games in a row, and started their season winning six out of seven before that. The Eagle's started the weekend off by playing in Salisbury, Md. against seventh ranked Salisbury University.

The Eagle's started off the double header with an afternoon shutout of 12-0, as freshman Paul McClure allowed eight earned runs over seven innings.

McClure had little offense behind him as the Eagles were only able to muster up three hits, including a double by sophomore James Sink.

Freshman Erik Jorgensen pitched the eighth for UMW, allowing two hits. McClure dropped to 0-1 after his fourth start of the season and second conference start.

The Eagle's second game went very differently from the opening gates as they took an early 2-0 lead following runs by freshman Brian Burns and sophomore Tyler Truslow.

Salisbury tied it up in the bottom of the inning, scoring two against freshman Cyle Jar-



Courtesy of UMW Athletics

The Eagle's baseball team remains strong with an 11-7 season, despite four losses this weekend in two double headers.

vis. Both teams were scoreless until the fifth inning, when the Eagles knocked on three more in the top of the fifth.

Runs were added on from RBI-singles by freshman Nolan Gilbert, a wild pitch scored Sink and a final run tacked on by a sac fly scoring Gilbert.

The Salisbury Seagulls lessened their deficit as they knocked on a run in the bottom of the fifth. They went on to take the lead in the following inning as they tacked on three more runs, giving them a one run advantage.

Sink drove in the tying run in the top of the eighth on an RBI-single to the shortstop.

Salisbury went scoreless in the bottom half of the frame, bringing it into the ninth inning.

The Eagles were shut down in the top of the ninth and the Sea Gulls responded by scoring the go ahead and game winning run in the bottom half.

Tyler Daig received the loss as he pitched the final two innings and two-thirds while giving up only one run which ended up being the game-winning score. Jarvis finished with four innings and two-thirds while allowing just two earned runs, giving him a no-decision outcome.

UMW hosted the second half of the double header on Sunday,

March 16 against the St. John Fisher Cardinals. The opening game started at noon at the Eagles' Dickinson Stadium.

Senior lefty Ben Sisk took the mound for UMW in the opening game of this double-header.

The Cardinals took a 4-0 lead in their first two offensive frames, as well as another in the top of the third. The Eagles were able to come up with the two runs at the bottom of the second, going into the fifth with a score of 4-2 with St. John Fisher leading.

The Cardinals put up five more runs against the Eagles in the top of the fifth, extending

the score to 10-2, but UMW lessened the deficit with another run in the bottom of the sixth.

The game finished with a final of 10-3, where Sisk finished with the loss after allowing four runs in two innings and two-thirds.

Offense was led by Gilbert as he had an RBI-single and two stolen bases. Junior Seth Taylor was on the hill for the Eagles in the night portion of the double header.

St. John Fisher opened up the scoring gates first again as they put up their first score in the top of the second. UMW retaliated as they put up two of their own in the bottom half of that inning

to give them a one-run advantage.

They were not able to hold on to the lead for long as the Cardinals tied the score in the fourth and took the lead in the fifth with a score of 3-2.

St. John Fisher added one more run in the top of the sixth, but the Eagles were not done. They would go on to add two in the bottom of that inning to tie it up.

The runs were created by a two-run single off the pinch-hit bat of Connor Finnerty. For the second time, the Eagles fell to their opponent in the final inning as the Cardinals scored a single run in the top of the seventh.

Senior Seth Taylor took the loss for the Eagles after the single run given up in the final frame for St. John Fisher. Sink and Gilbert led the offensive 10-hit attack with two hits apiece. Nick McIntyre started the game for the Eagles in the last four innings and two-thirds, allowing three earned runs. Jorgensen pitched an inning and one-third relief allowing just one earned run.

The 11-7 Eagles will be back in action March 20 at Randolph-Macon University and will play at home March 25 against Eastern Mennonite. UMW baseball is hopeful to turnaround their poor luck of late and break their current losing streak.



# SPORTS



The UMW men's basketball team celebrated success in their Sweet Sixteen game, and although they lost in the Elite Eight, thousands of UMW fans came to support the Eagles to victory.

Courtesy of UMW Athletics

## Men's basketball scores school records in NCAA tournament

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Chants of "Eagle Nation" could be heard from 1900 fans all throughout the Anderson Center as the final seconds of the University of Mary Washington's men's basketball season ticked away Saturday night as the Eagles fell to the Purple Cows of Williams College in the Elite Eight round of the NCAA Tournament. Considering the team has never won an NCAA tournament game before this year, the game itself is quite a feat.

The Eagles ended their season with a school-record 25 wins, and 25-6 overall.

Despite being undersized, the Eagles managed to be successful this year due to their ability to play angry each game they played. That plan backfired Saturday night after the game-to-game toll finally caught up to them and ended the Eagles' season shorter than they would have liked.

"I'm so proud of these guys," said UMW head coach Rod Wood in the post-game press conference. "In defeat, I'm just as proud as I've been of these boys after every win. Tonight, we just hit the wall I thought we'd hit a month ago, or in some guys' cases, two months ago, or four," said Wood.

The real history was made the night before the Eagles' season came to an end, however. UMW played host to Virginia Wesleyan in the sectional round of the tournament. It was UMW's first ever Sweet Sixteen game, and what better place to play it than on their home court?

It was a match up of conflicting styles to say the least. The Eagles, who all year slowed

down the pace of their games and played stingy man-to-man defense to compensate for their lack of size, were going against a Marlins team that is known for being big, fast and athletic. The two teams matched up earlier in the year in Norfolk, where the Eagles won in double overtime.

The sold-out Anderson Center crowd was as rowdy as it has ever been. Not one, but two student sections were established, adding more hype than usual to an already exciting game. Students lined up in "Woodville" the morning of the game to ensure themselves a chance of getting a free ticket to the biggest game in UMW history. As it turns out, it was worth the wait.

"Seeing the atmosphere on campus recently, and knowing we did something historic this year, together, is something I'll always take with me," said senior guard Marcellus Holley.

The teams went pound-for-pound in the early going as they exchanged basket after basket until the Eagles put together a string of three consecutive three-pointers, courtesy of Bradley Riester and Taylor Johnson, in the first half to force a VWC timeout.

Another 8-0 run later in the half helped to give the Eagles a 15-point lead, their biggest of the game. UMW took an 11-point lead into halftime and was 20 minutes away from another historic win.

The Eagles' lead quickly evaporated and so did the emotion of the crowd as the Marlins opened the second half on a 14-3 run to tie the game with 15:35 remaining. The teams traded baskets until VWC opened up a five-point lead with almost nine minutes



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Senior Dom Morra helped the Eagles find success this season.

left in the game. UMW then responded with a 6-0 run and took a one-point lead of their own, but the Marlins would still not

attendance, it was none other than senior Dom Morra, who converted on a three-point play to give the Eagles the lead for

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go away easily.

With the game tied at 68 and 1:32 left, it was do-or-die time for both teams; it was only a matter of who it would be to step into the spotlight.

To the delight of the fans in

good. Clutch free-throws down the stretch from Johnson and Holley iced the victory, 74-70.

The next day, students once again lined up to receive free tickets courtesy of UMW President Rick Hurley for the Elite

Eight game against Williams College, who knocked off Albertus Magnus the night before.

All year long, the Eagles lived and died by the hand of three pointers, and more often than not, they lived.

However, Saturday night the Eagles could not by a three-pointer, as they shot 7-45 (15.6 percent) from behind the arc. The Cows of Williams controlled the game from start to finish, daring UMW to take three-pointers that they normally make.

The physical and emotional tool taken by the Eagles from the previous night was evident their magical season came to an end by a score of 79-46.

"We played a great team, with a great scheme, a great coach, and great players," said Wood. "What these guys will look back on in years to come will be nothing but great memories, to give every ounce of them and see what is truly possible."

The Eagles punched their ticket into all of this March madness on March 1 when they took down Christopher Newport in the CAC tournament championship game in the Anderson

Center by a score of 65-48. The handful of UMW fans who stuck around in Fredericksburg to watch the rivalry game the day after

spring break began were treated to watching the Eagles capture their second CAC championship ever.

The championship gave the Eagles an automatic berth into the NCAA tournament, also for

the second time in school history.

"This is the hardest working team I've ever seen," said Riester. "This was for all the guys on the team, the guys who have been here and our coaches."

UMW earned their spot into the Sweet Sixteen round with two convincing wins in the first two rounds of the tournament against Springfield and DeSales respectively, winning by an average of 24 points.

The first two games also served as a homecoming of sorts for multiple people in the program, but none more so than for head coach Rod Wood. The games were played at Randolph-Macon College, where Wood once played basketball for the Yellow Jackets.

Additionally, multiple UMW players from the Richmond area had many family and friends in attendance to support them along the way.

It was a magical season to say the least for UMW. Records of all kinds were shattered by an incredibly deep and talented group of graduating seniors in the 2013-2014 season, who led the Eagles coming off of a 14-13 record last year to heights never before seen by any player at UMW.

"Any time you have a senior laden team, and they don't want to play their last game, magical things can happen," said Wood in an interview with d3hoops.com.

Graduation is sure to take a hefty toll on the Eagles in the offseason, but the memories that the players and student body made this season can never be forgotten.

**UMW's men's lacrosse team reached their highest ranking in school history, moving up to #16 in the most recent United States Incollegiate Lacrosse Association (USILA) poll.**

**The Eagles join three other Capital Athletic Conference schools in the top 20 including Salisbury (2nd), York (12th) and St. Mary's (18th).**

**They will battle Southern Virginia University on Saturday, March 22 at 1 p.m.**



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The men's lacrosse team is 6-1 so far, with their first loss against York last week.